

## Local and Personal.

**Discord at the Concert.**—We never before saw so many rowdyish ushers in a concert hall, until Mr. Barnum introduced Jenny Lind as a can for the "pence and praise" of a Washington audience. Since that time, on similar occasions, we have not failed to notice ushers busily at work, receiving checks, and conducting ladies and gentlemen to the "reserved seats," a duty which is now considered essential to comfort and good order, and, if well performed, admirably answers the object of their appointment.

However polite and accommodating the ushers may be, the least failure in one direction causes confusion in another. For instance, if a gentleman engages a particular seat, and finds on his approaching it, that it is held by another, the occupant is reminded that he is in "the wrong pew," a gentle admonition that he must vacate. But if he produces a duplicate check, corresponding with the number of the seat, the poor usher who happens to be near is scolded for the real or imaginary blunder of the agent having control of the programme.

More than half a dozen gentlemen, on the night of Madame Sontag's first concert, were involved in a disagreement about seats, and in one case the words, "you're no gentleman," loudly resounded in the "Variete." But the one thus complimented, discovering that he had committed an error, promptly apologized; a proceeding that all right-thinking men will approve. The true gentleman is ever magnanimous, and convinced of an indiscretion towards another, will seek to make amends by a frank admission of his fault. The act elevates, rather than depresses him, in the scale of honorable being.

On Friday night, we noticed several little disagreements at the "Variete." A gentleman occupying a seat in our vicinity was rather unpolitely requested to vacate it; while the late comer was asserting his prior claim, he stumbled on the gentleman's feet, reading upon his countenance, and came near falling upon his person. He was firmly told that he must desist from such conduct, which had the effect of staying further proceedings on the subject of ejection.

But just above this scene there was a collocation of a more alarming character. A quiet and inoffensive citizen was approached by a resident of one of the counties of Maryland, who spoke in tones loud enough to be heard all over the hall, saying that he always gave way to the ladies, but as to gentlemen he would have his rights. The citizen answered him calmly but firmly, in a much lower key. Words were exchanged for a moment, and all at once the patron from Maryland darted out, it is said to pen a challenge. Before he returned, the quiet citizen, rather than have any further controversy, had changed his seat!

Another incident: A gentleman, with company, seized a poor little usher, a young man of modest demeanor, and demanded his "reserved seats." "They are occupied," said the usher, evincing a little fear. "But I must have them; cause the occupants of them to find accommodations elsewhere," was the indignant response. "I can't get to the seats for the crowd," exclaimed the rowdyed attendant, tremulously. "That's nothing to me. It's a pretty thing for you to set me seats, and then allow other persons to take them." The half-dressed usher, by way of compromise, then said: "Well, sir, follow me, and I'll get you seats." The party soon disappeared, and we presume had things to their liking.

The confusion was caused, in part, by an admixture of the checks of the first night with those of the second, and in consequence of a few persons having taken seats to which they were not entitled. We saw some uneasy proceedings near the door, but nothing of an angry character, although a militia colonel, not now in active service, apparently resented, "there seems to be a disposition to fight here to-night."

However, when the concert commenced, quiet was restored, and the aggrieved ones yielded to the sweet and soothing influences of the music, especially when Madame Sontag began the ballad of "The Last Rose of Summer."

The hall was crowded with auditors, who, by their frequent expressions of applause, testified their high delight with the varied entertainment afforded.

**Medicines for the Poor.**—In yesterday's paper we published the respective sums expended for supplying the indigent poor with medicines during the quarter ending the thirteenth of September; the aggregate amount of which was \$197 79; and took occasion to remark, that "the return of the apothecary for the first ward is too confused for our understanding; but that in the other wards, during the quarter, one hundred and ninety-three persons were supplied with medicines." The return of the first ward was copied from the prescription book, in all its tedious details, instead of a mere summary being prepared and transmitted to the corporate authorities. The care and particularity was creditable to Mr. A. G. Ridgely, but the items "confused" us, who knew nothing about medicines, except the swallowing of a little of them sometimes, however nauseous. Looking into the return in question, however, with the aid of explanation, we find that one hundred and three persons were furnished with medicines, in the first ward, during that quarter, at an expense of \$55 38; while the physic for the one hundred and ninety-three persons in the other wards cost \$142 41. It appears, then, that in all two hundred and ninety-six indigent poor persons procured medical relief, in the course of three months, from the municipal apothecaries.

**Death of the "Lion of the West."**—We learn from the *Miner's Journal* that Nathaniel Harrison, familiarly known as the "Lion of the West," in Western Maryland, Washington, and Baltimore, was accidentally killed at Rawling's water station, about eight miles west of Cumberland, on Monday evening last. He was standing on the main track of the railroad, looking at a burden train running into a switch, when the passenger train for Piedmont, passing suddenly, struck and threw him under the wheels of the former train, nearly severing his body in two, and killing him instantly.

The first time we ever saw this individual was nearly three years ago, when, just before the House of Representatives went into session, he mounted the steps leading to the Speaker's chair, and launched out in a strain of oratory so loud, grand, and lofty that but few of the members could appreciate the meaning of his impassioned and burning eloquence! The last time we saw him was at the railroad station in this city, procuring signatures to a paper having in view the "Salvation of the Union," through his patriotic agency! He was a monomaniac on the subject of politics, and died an imaginary candidate for a seat in that hall where he essayed to enlighten the people's representatives.

**The Weather** continues bland and spring-like, notwithstanding the lateness of the autumnal season. It is needless to say that many of the dwellers in Washington, yesterday afternoon, availed themselves of the promenade, and that some of them displayed upon their graceful persons the newest style of winter fashions.

**The Canal.**—During the past week sixty boats arrived at Georgetown; twenty-five of them from Cumberland, bringing twenty-five hundred tons of coal, and the remainder from different points along the line of the canal, with grain, flour, and other produce. It is estimated that the toll for the week will amount to upwards of \$2,500.

## General Intelligence.

**Bigamy.**—Several days ago Justice Grubb held a woman to bail in the sum of five hundred dollars, to answer at the next term of the criminal court for bigamy.

It appears that she had preferred a complaint against her second husband for an assault and battery, when he, as an offset, accused her of bigamy. They had been living together for nine years—she ignorantly thinking that her first husband was divorced from her in the State of Maryland, which is not the fact. The immediate cause of disagreement between the parties was the refusal, on the part of the woman, to sign an agreement for the second husband, so-called, to alienate certain property.

**Risley's Variete** will be opened to-morrow evening for theatrical performances. The arrangements of this establishment, as we have heretofore stated, are not only in accordance with taste and elegance, but comfort; the latter always being essential.

The worthy proprietor assures the public that he will use every exertion in his power to make the Variete a comfortable and fashionable place of resort, creditable alike to himself and the metropolis of the Union. He has not only engaged a corps of superior artists, but will produce, in rapid succession, all such novelties as are suited to the tastes of a highly intelligent audience.

The advertisement in another column gives the particulars.

**To the Local Editor of the "Washington Sentinel."**  
19th Nov. 1853.  
DEAR SIR—You will confer a favor on one anxious to render assistance, if you will inform the undersigned, at your earliest convenience, where the lady referred to (in the *Sentinel* of this morning) in the "tale of sorrow" can be found.

"AMERICUS."  
We have not been able to see our informant since receiving the above kind note from "Americus," but thank him for the sympathy he feels for the unfortunate subject of the "tale." We shall lose no time, on Monday, in informing ourselves and him where she can be found. It is no fiction.

**Mrs. C. Howard.**—This charming actress and vocalist took a farewell benefit at the Olympic, in Baltimore, last night, which closes her engagement at that theatre. On Monday night she will make her first appearance in Washington at Risley's Variete. From the encomiums of the press, wherever she has appeared, we are led to believe that a treat is in store for those who patronize the Variete on Monday night.

**Washington National Monument.**—The pastors of the various churches in this city have been requested by the board of managers of the monument society to lift collections on Thanksgiving day, in aid of the erection of the column to Washington.

**Joe Shillingham** has kindly sent us *Godey's Lady's Book* for December. From a rapid glance at its contents, we judge that the proprietor is a determined progressive. The illustrations are numerous and elegant.

**Trumpet Presentation.**—On Thursday evening next, at half past seven o'clock, at Carusi's saloon, Mrs. E. H. Pendleton will present to the Columbia Fire Company a silver fire trumpet.

**Methodist Episcopal Church.**—Rev. James A. Duncanson, (pastor,) will preach in this church to-morrow (Saturday) at 11 o'clock A. M. and 7 o'clock P. M.

**Fifth Presbyterian Church.**—Rev. A. G. Carothers, pastor, will preach this morning at 11 o'clock, and in the evening at 7 o'clock.

**For Hats or Caps.** call at HENDLEY'S, second door east of the United States Hotel, Pennsylvania avenue; where also may be found a great variety of under-shirts, drawers, dress-shirts, gloves, hosiery, cravats, and other goods for gentlemen.

For gracefulness, durability, and cheapness, HENDLEY'S hats are not to be surpassed.

**Gilman's Liquid Hair Dye** is the only article now used in this city. Gentlemen who wear whiskers or mustaches of a gray or reddish hue, wishing to attend a ball or party, can appear in a suit of black by devoting one additional minute at their toilet in using the very celebrated article which heads this notice. Prepared by Z. D. Gilman, Chemist, Washington City, Phil. Ledger.

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**POISONOUS LIQUORS.**  
Caution to the Public.—I beg leave to caution the citizens of Washington, Alexandria, and Georgetown against an imposition practiced on them by several unprincipled bar-keepers who are selling common mixed gin for the genuine Schnapps. That name belongs exclusively to my gin; all others are counterfeit.

The genuine has my name on the bottle and cork, and a fac-simile of my signature on the label; for sale by the respectable grocers and druggists in the United States.

I beg leave to say, that I invited the whole medical faculty and professional chemists in the United States to accept of a bottle for analysis and trial; four thousand accepted my offer, and nearly two thousand have furnished their written endorsements, and acknowledge it is perfectly pure and free from the admixture of the poisonous fusel oil, or any of those aryl compounds which produce such mischievous and irreparable effects upon the constitution, and which very few of the alcoholic distilled liquors are without. The certificates are now published in pamphlet form.

**UDOLPHO WOLFE.**  
Sole importer, 22 Beaver St. New York.  
Nov 19—41w.

**FURNISHED PARLOR AND BED ROOM** to Let.—A well and comfortably furnished parlor and bed room, with all the latest improvements, in a private family, where there are no other lodgers or boarders taken. It is situated in G street, in the immediate vicinity of the Treasury and State Departments.

For address apply at the office of this paper.  
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**AGENCY.**  
L. LEWIS, Attorney at Law, Corner of Columbia and Pennsylvania streets, continues to collect all claims upon the general government, especially pensions of all kinds, increase of pensions, and suspended claims.

To widows who are receiving less than their husbands did under the acts of 1825 and 1832 he will guarantee the same pensions paid to their husbands.

To the widows of those revolutionary officers and soldiers who were cut off from pensions by marrying after January, 1800, he will guarantee pensions for life, under the act of February, 1853.

To widows who have been enjoying five years' half-pay under the acts of July, 1830, July, 1848, and February, 1849, he will guarantee a continuance of said half-pay for five years more, under the act of February, 1853.

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